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**ONE  
BOOK  
ONE  
COMMUNITY**

## LQ interview:

# Author Laurie Frankel

One Book, One Community is hosted each year by Vernon Area, Indian Trails, and Cook Memorial public libraries. This winter's series, the sixth annual, is an opportunity to join your neighbors in reading and discussing *This Is How It Always Is* by Laurie Frankel. The novel has drawn lots of praise, with the New York Times Book Review calling it a "deeply satisfying...intimate family story." We had a chance to ask the author a few questions.

**Your writing centers on family — meeting challenges, making things work, come what may. Are there other authors with this focus who inspire you?**

Some books I adore about families: *We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves* by Karen Joy Fowler, *The World According to Garp* by John Irving, *The God of Small Things* by Arundhati Roy, *A Spot of Bother* by Mark Haddon, Tolstoy's *Anna Karenina* (which famously starts off with musings on this very point), *A Tale for the Time Being* by Ruth L. Ozeki, *Beloved* by Toni Morrison, *The Great Believers* by Rebecca Makkai. There are threads of Shakespeare in all my novels, and Shakespeare (who, of course, is great on everything) is especially great on families.

**What are the challenges of portraying family dynamics in fiction today?**

I love writing about families, especially unusual or nontraditional ones. I think, in fact, writing about families is getting easier rather than more challenging as we expand our definition of what and who we count as family. Of course family dynamics are endlessly complicated — by definition, they're the people we're stuck with, even if they're people we've chosen to be stuck with — which sometimes makes for tough trips home or tough evenings around the dinner table or tough vacations but also makes for excellent novels.

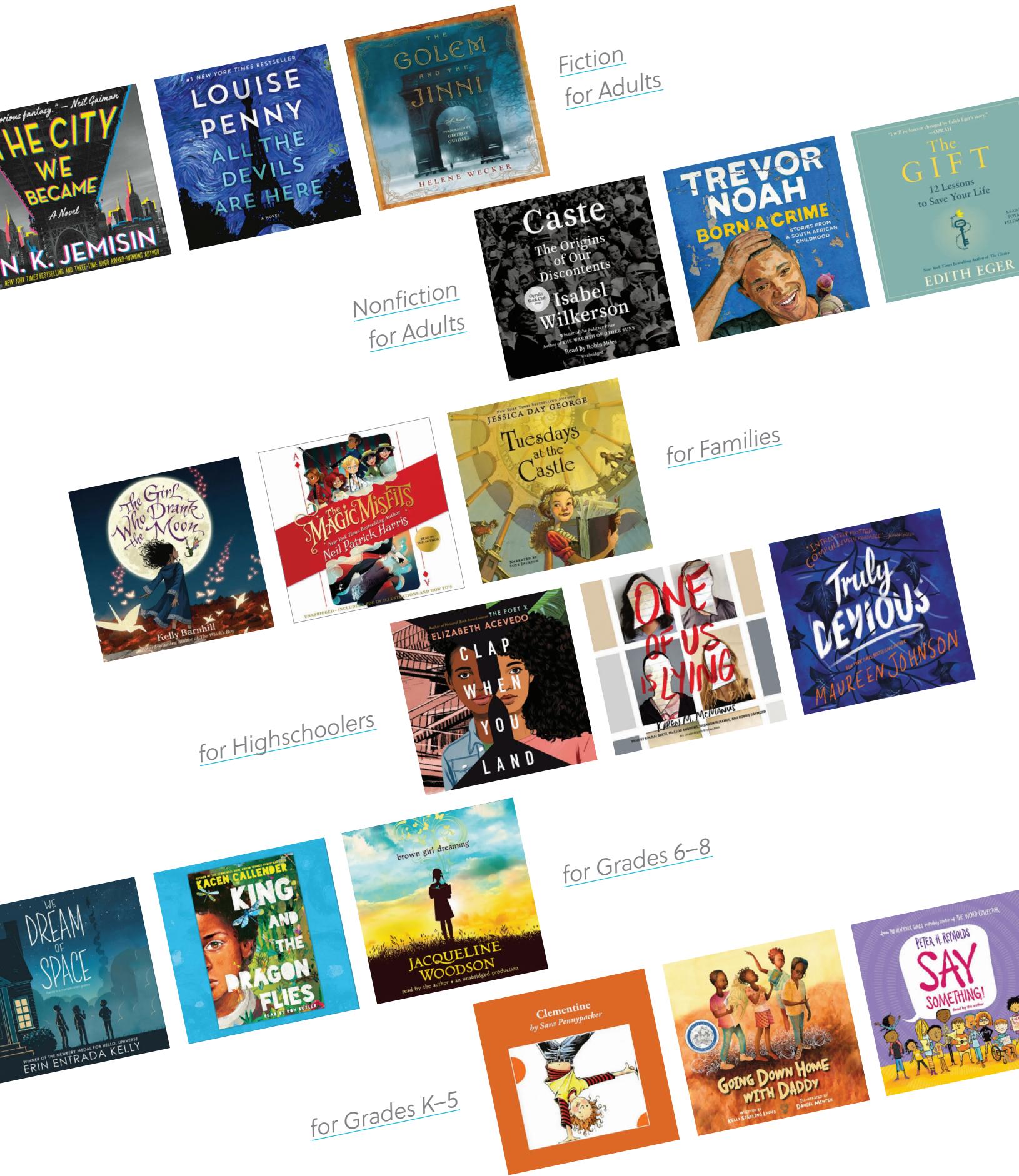
**If a reader takes just one message from *This Is How It Always Is*, what would you like it to be?**

Wider ranges of normal make the world better for everyone!

**Can you tell readers about the significance of the title?**

I can, but I can't take credit for it. The line in the book is mine, but it was a sales rep reading an early draft who realized it wasn't just a line but the titular line. It was certainly the idea with which I went into the book. Most parents won't have a transgender child, but most parents will have a child who is sometimes gender nonconforming, and all parents will sometimes have a child who is nonconforming somehow. Transgender kids are presented so often as so unusual and so anomalous, but in fact, I think this is how it always is. Every parent I know has had the experiences described in this novel, and if the particulars vary (and they do, endlessly) the core — that part where your kid needs something and you're not sure what but you are sure you'll go to the ends of the earth to do the best you can to figure it out — remains the same.

One Book, One Community kicks off at 1 p.m. on Sunday, December 12, in the library lobby with a book giveaway of *This Is How It Always Is*. A finale event with author Laurie Frankel caps the series on February 26. In between, participate in book discussions and programs that explore the themes of the book. For more information, visit [lbook.org](#) or pick up a program booklet at the library.



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# Everybody's talking about...

From media companies to top celebrities, everyone seems to be discovering book clubs. And no wonder, the list of benefits reads like a prescription for happiness.

A book club is a group of people who each read the same book at the same time, then come together to talk about it. Discussions take place at a group member's house or, more often these days, on video chat. It adds a social component to the already satisfying solo activity of reading.

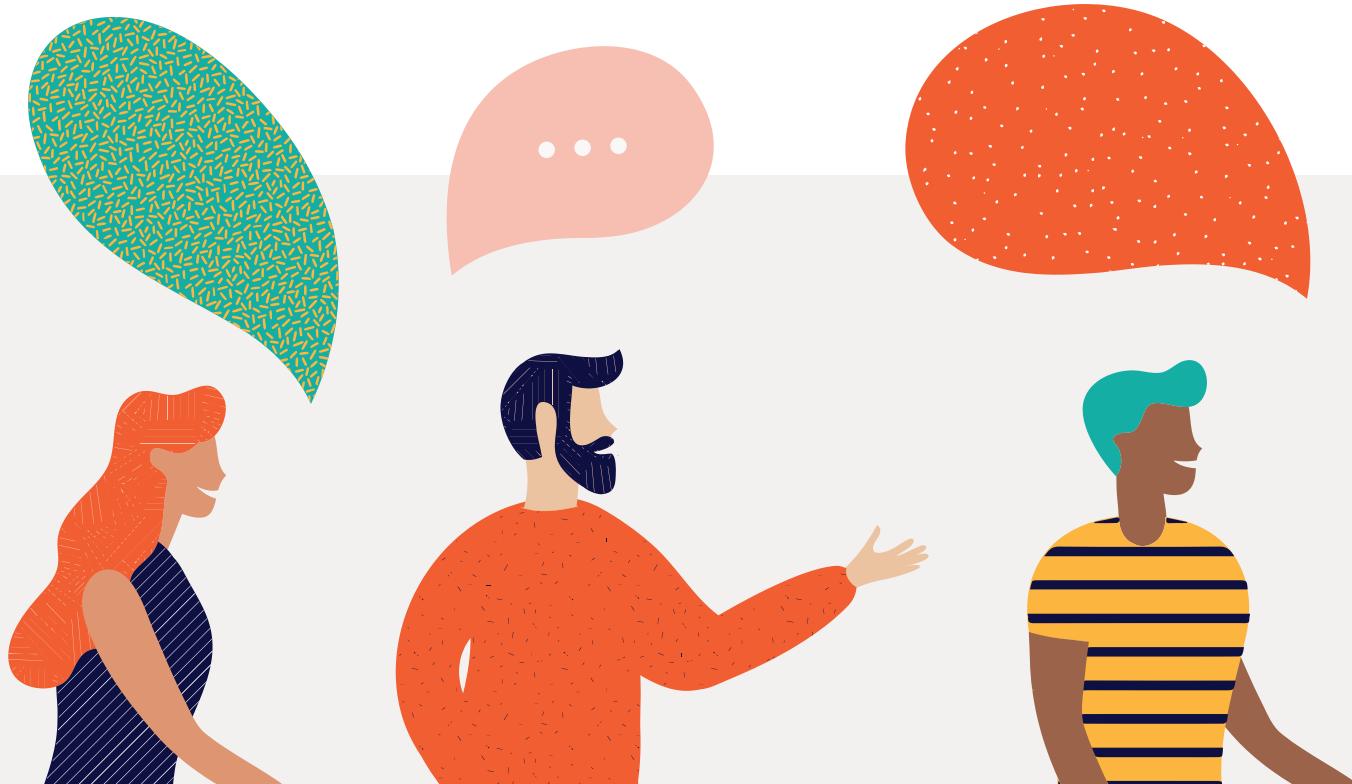
Book clubs come in all sorts of varieties. No matter your interests or age, there is one out there for you. Clubs range from small local get-togethers to huge national groups like Oprah's Book Club or Noname Book Club. Even Netflix just started one!

It's easy to get started. Joining a book group comes with an automatic "in": everyone involved loves to read and you have all read the same book. Right away you have things in common, which is a great foundation for new friendships.

A great story provides a natural launching point for conversation. Cheer or mourn together for your favorite characters. Share your surprise or delight. Hear others' opinions and new perspectives. Maybe even get an explanation for that confusing ending!

Finally, book groups typically meet on a regular schedule, which lends a rhythm and structure to our days — and, let's be honest, schedules have gotten a little wibby-wobbly lately. Having a get-together on the calendar nudges you to set aside time to read and to set aside time for friends — both of which make life better.

Your library hosts a variety of book discussion groups. They're free and open to everyone, no library card required (unless you borrow the book from the library, of course). Browse upcoming sessions and sign up at [VAPLD.info/calendar](http://VAPLD.info/calendar) or by calling 224-543-1485.



## One Book, One Community

An annual shared reading experience for all residents of Vernon Area, Indian Trails, and Cook Memorial library districts, now in its sixth year. Multiple discussions of the selected title take place in January and February at each library; you are welcome at any of them. This year's book is *This Is How It Always Is* by Laurie Frankel. Find details and sign up at [lbook.org](http://lbook.org).

## Book Discussions with Judy Levin

Intriguing reads beyond the best sellers. Sign up early for this popular group, which usually fills to capacity.

THURSDAYS, 10 AM

DECEMBER 9: *The Night Watchman* by Louise Erdrich

JANUARY 13: *Drive Your Plow Over the Bones of the Dead* by Olga Tokarczuk

FEBRUARY 10: *This Is How It Always Is* by Laurie Frankel

## Own Voices

Books by authors of marginalized or under-represented groups whose lived experiences enrich their writing. In February we'll read and discuss *The Yellow Bird Sings* by Jennifer Rosner.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 7 PM

## Novel Night

Captivating fiction you might have missed. Meets every other month.

TUESDAYS, 7 PM

JANUARY 25: *The Exiles* by Christina Baker Kline

## Must-Read Nonfiction

Real-life reads that are engaging, informative, and important. Meets monthly.

MONDAYS, 7 PM

JANUARY 17: *The Falcon Thief* by Joshua Hammer

FEBRUARY 28: *Grunt* by Mary Roach

## Thirsty Thursdays: Books on Tap

Monthly book discussion for 20- and 30-somethings.

Sign up on Meetup.com.

THURSDAYS, 6 PM

DECEMBER 16: *A Thousand Ships* by Natalie Haynes

JANUARY 20, FEBRUARY 17: TBD

*"This was my first meetup with [Thirsty Thursdays] and I had enormous fun. Everyone was very friendly and welcoming. Not only was the discussion on the book engaging, but the conversation in between was stimulating as well."*





## CONSUMER REPORTS

Choose top-rated gifts with confidence with unbiased reviews and ratings for whatever is on your shopping list — from air purifiers to smartwatches. Log in with your Vernon Area Library card number at [VAPLD.info/CR](http://VAPLD.info/CR).



## INTERNATIONAL ROKUS — NEW!

Check out a portable device loaded with television subscription services from around the world. Enjoy K-dramas on Viki, telenovelas on Univision, anime on Crunchyroll, African movies on NollyLand, as well as Netflix. To request one, visit the library or go to [VAPLD.info/IntRoku](http://VAPLD.info/IntRoku).



## SENIOR ACTIVITY KITS

Check out a kit designed to help spark memories and conversation. Each kit contains books, DVDs or CDs, and simple games on a theme, such as national parks, the seasons, or pets. Perfect for reminiscence therapy: recalling positive experiences to promote well-being. Look for the display at the library or visit [VAPLD.info/SeniorActivity](http://VAPLD.info/SeniorActivity).

# Selected events for adults

On Zoom unless otherwise noted. Most online events offer closed-captioning; check listings. Free and open to all. Sign up (required) at [VAPLD.info/calendar](http://VAPLD.info/calendar) or by calling 224-543-1485.

## Lunchtime Series

*Take a midday break to learn something new.*

### Impressionist Still Lifes of Food

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1 PM

### National Civil Rights Museum Tour

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 1 PM

### Discover Fort Sheridan

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 1 PM

### Close-Up with a Vietnam Veteran

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1 PM

### The American Indian Way of Life

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1 PM

## Featured Programs

### Meet the Tribune's New Food Critics

Louisa Chu and Nick Kindelsperger discuss the Chicago food scene and what it's like to follow in the footsteps of legendary critic Phil Vettel.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 7 PM

### Shipwrecks of the Great Lakes

Spend an evening with award-winning photographer Cal Kothrade exploring ten sunken ships in the Great Lakes.

MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 7 PM

## Recurring Meetups

Connect over a shared interest. Join one or more sessions as you like.

### 'Off the Hook' Knit & Crochet Group

MONDAYS, 7–8:30 PM  
DECEMBER 20, JANUARY 17, FEB. 21

### English Language Learners Conversation Group

TUESDAYS, 11 AM  
DEC. 7, JAN. 4, JAN. 18, FEB. 1, FEB. 15

### Great Decisions Foreign Policy Discussion Group

Each year's series is eight sessions over ten months. New cohorts begin in February.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1–3 PM OR  
WEDS., FEB. 16, 10:30 AM–12:30 PM

### World Language Movie Discussion

WEDNESDAYS, 7 PM  
DECEMBER 15, JANUARY 26

### Writer's Support Group

THURSDAYS, 6:30 PM  
DECEMBER 9, JANUARY 13, FEB. 10

### Reel Talk Movie Discussion

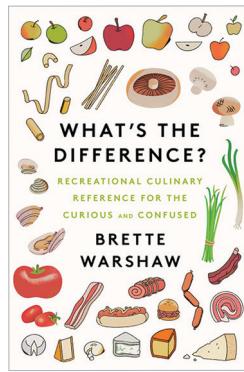
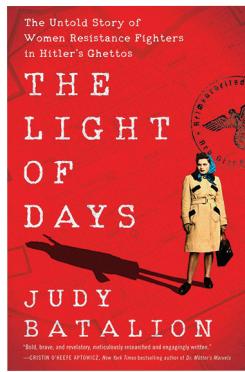
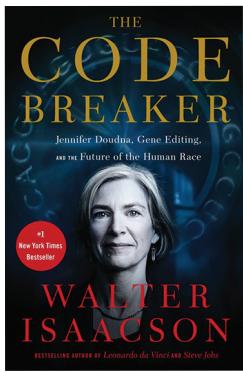
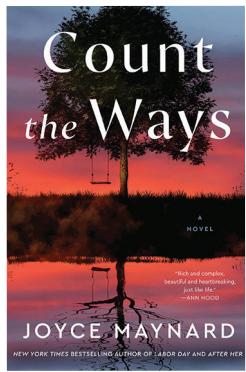
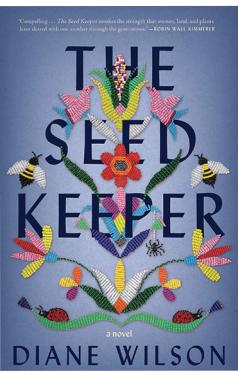
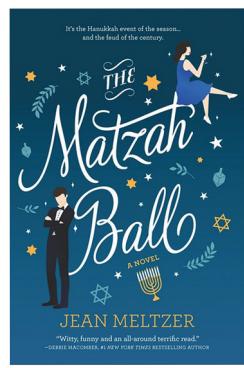
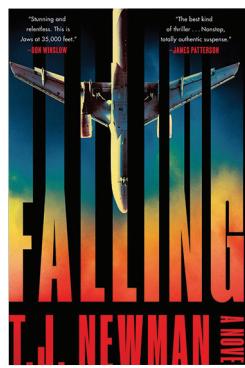
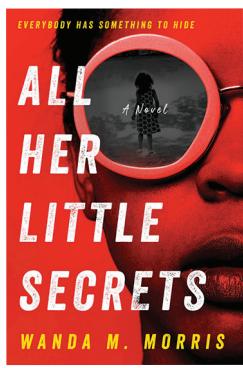
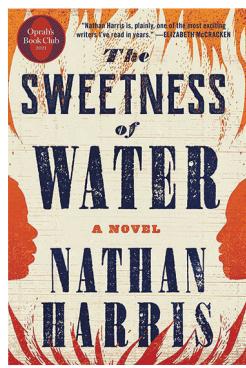
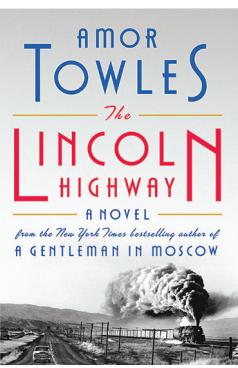
FRIDAYS, 3:30 PM  
DECEMBER 10, FEBRUARY 18

### Games for Grown-ups

Play table games online on Discord.  
SUNDAYS, 12:30–4 PM  
DEC. 12, JAN. 9, JAN. 23, FEB. 13

For a complete listing of events, including cooking programs, multimedia lectures, and help for job seekers, visit [VAPLD.info/calendar](http://VAPLD.info/calendar)





## Hot new releases



There's great reading ahead this winter! Check out any of these buzzworthy titles, also recommended for the readers on your holiday shopping list. Get more suggestions: pick up the 2021 Gift Guide at the library or view it at [VAPLD.info/GiftGuide](http://VAPLD.info/GiftGuide).

**The Lincoln Highway**  
by Amor Towles

**All Her Little Secrets**  
by Wanda M. Morris

**The Matzah Ball**  
by Jean Meltzer

**The Seed Keeper**  
by Diane Wilson

**The Code Breaker**  
by Walter Isaacson

**What's the Difference?**  
by Brette Warshaw

**The Sweetness of Water**  
by Nathan Harris

**Falling**  
by T. J. Newman

**One Last Stop**  
by Casey McQuiston

**Count the Ways**  
by Joyce Maynard

**The Light of Days**  
by Judy Batalion

**Nadiya Bakes**  
by Nadiya Hussain



## 3D PRINTING

Bring your ideas to life using the 3D printer at the library. Use Tinkercad or Cura to create an object, then submit your file for printing. Or explore existing designs and download free files at Thingiverse. Get started at [VAPLD.info/3Dprinting](http://VAPLD.info/3Dprinting).



## LEARNING EXPRESS LIBRARY

Practice exams are a great way to become familiar with the test format and focus your studies. Take PSAT, ACT, SAT, AP, or TOEFL practice tests online when you log in with your Vernon Area Library card number at [VAPLD.info/LearningExpress](http://VAPLD.info/LearningExpress).



## VIRTUAL VOLUNTEERING

Volunteer wherever you are to earn service hours and give back in a way that works for you. The library volunteer program for grades 7–12 is completely flexible: no application, no training, and no minimum hours. Fall session wraps up December 10. New opportunities begin January 4. Get the info at [VAPLD.info/TeenVolunteers](http://VAPLD.info/TeenVolunteers).

# Selected online events for teens

On Zoom unless otherwise noted. Free and open to all. Sign up (required) at [VAPLD.info/calendar](http://VAPLD.info/calendar) or by calling 224-543-1486.

### Cookie Decorating 101

*teens & adults*

Learn creative pre- and post-bake decorating techniques you can use for any occasion.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 7–8 PM

### Games for Grown-ups

*high school students & adults*

Play table games together online using Discord to share a game space and chat. JackBox games are always available; let us know if there's something else you'd like to play.

SUNDAYS, 12:30–4 PM  
DECEMBER 12, JANUARY 9 & 23,  
FEBRUARY 13

### Off the Page: Teen Book Club

*grades 8–12*

Read something fun, then share your thoughts with friends old and new in a librarian-led online discussion.

MONDAYS, 7 PM

JANUARY 24: *The Downstairs Girl*  
by Stacey Lee

FEBRUARY 28: *One Book, One Community: Felix Ever After*  
by Kacen Callender

### plus Take & Make Kits

*at-home activity for grades 6–12*

Reserve your themed kit for pickup at the library. Go to [VAPLD.info/calendar](http://VAPLD.info/calendar) and select each month's listing to sign up.

DECEMBER: Hand Painted Mugs

JANUARY: No-Sew Scarf Service Project

FEBRUARY: Bath Bombs



For a complete listing  
of events, visit  
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# Reading connects incarcerated teens to the world around them

This year marks the 15th anniversary of Read for Life, a partnership between Vernon Area Library and Hulse Detention Center in Vernon Hills. The program encourages Hulse's temporary residents, ages 14 to 17, to read and discuss literature as a tool for self-exploration and connection with the world around them.

Read for Life started in June 2006, originally funded by a grant from the American Library Association as a three-month pilot program. Over that summer, Hulse students were given three carefully selected books to read and keep. They also participated in discussions led by Vernon Area librarians Pam Minarik and Gina Sheade and Hulse educator Jack Cantor. "We don't know how they landed where they are. Our aim is to change how these intelligent teens look at the world," said Minarik.

When the pilot program ended, the Lake County Circuit Court concluded that "the motivation to read can significantly contribute to moral, spiritual, and intellectual development." Read for Life continued, involving hundreds of young people through the years.

Special educator Robert Pakaski, who succeeded Cantor when he retired, has also seen how the book discussions motivate participants. "The Read for Life program has exposed our students to the joy of reading," Pakaski said. "One student challenged himself to read 100 books during his stay."

Coordinators interest students by picking books that are relevant to teens. They also look for stories that include character development, positive role models, and examples of problem-solving. Recent favorites with readers include *Long Way Down* by Jason Reynolds and *When Stars Are Scattered* by Victoria Jamieson. "We try to find books that can serve as windows, mirrors, or maps—that is: books that help the boys see out of their situation, see themselves in a different way or see how someone else traveled a different road," said Vernon Area librarian Heather Hageli.

"Every time we dive into a new book, the teens find some sort of life connection," said Janessa Sandoval, Hulse teaching assistant. That life connection (and a set of books to keep) is what the students take with them upon completing the program.



## MUSEUM PASSES

Explore Chicago-area attractions this winter and save money, too.

Your Vernon Area Library card lets you check out a Museum Adventure Pass or an Explore More Illinois pass for free admission or discounts at popular spots like Brookfield Zoo, the Dunn Museum, and Chicago Children's Museum. Begin at [VAPLD.info/museum-passes](http://VAPLD.info/museum-passes).



## TRUEFLIX

Learning comes to life with the interactive e-books, videos, and activities on TrueFlix. Students can explore history's people, places, and events as well as a variety of science topics including ecosystems, outer space, and alternative energy. Best for grades 3 and up. Your Vernon Area Library card number gives you access.

[VAPLD.info/TrueFlix](http://VAPLD.info/TrueFlix)



## TEACHABLES

Get help with at-home learning from the educational pros at Scholastic: Browse or search for printable lessons, worksheets, mini books, and other activities to engage and support your student in pre-K through grade 8.

[VAPLD.info/teachables](http://VAPLD.info/teachables)

# Selected online events for kids

On Zoom unless otherwise noted. Free and open to all. Sign up (required) at [VAPLD.info/calendar](http://VAPLD.info/calendar) or by calling 224-543-1486.

### Cook Along with Chef Kristyn

*grades K–5 with an adult*

Gain confidence and cooking skills while preparing a treat for your family. Cook along with instructor Kristyn Slick, then show off your creation.

**FRIDAYS, 7 PM**

**DECEMBER 3: Gingerbread House**

**JANUARY 14: More S'mores**

**FEBRUARY 11: Valentine Treats**

### Liquid Nitrogen Show

*grades K–5 with an adult*

Back by popular demand! Excitement rises as the temperature drops in this ultra-cold science demonstration with Rockford's Discovery Center Museum.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 11 AM**

### Arctic Animals

*grades K–5 with an adult*

Learn how polar bears are adapted to their environment and how they fit into their ecosystem in this interactive presentation with scientists from The Ocean Adventure.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 11 AM**

### Art with Miss Jane

*grades K–5*

Learn art techniques and art history as you follow along to create your own beautiful work of art. Third Thursday of each month, 4:30 PM (grades K–2 with an adult) and 7 PM (grades 3–5)

**DECEMBER 16: Winter Painting**

**JANUARY 20: Exploring Great Artists – Bisa Butler**

**FEBRUARY 17: Mythical Dragon**

### plus Take & Make Kits

*at-home activities for all ages*

Stop by the library to get your crafting kit. A different theme each month. Available while supplies last beginning:

**DECEMBER 3: Snow Globe**

**DECEMBER 17: New Year's Party in a Bag**

**JANUARY 7: Hearts for Heroes**

**JANUARY 21: Lunar New Year**

**FEBRUARY 4: Winter Sports**



For a complete listing of events, visit [VAPLD.info/calendar](http://VAPLD.info/calendar)





## Books help little readers cope with big changes

Children are adaptable little humans. But life changes both large and small can have a lasting impact. Books have the power to help children handle change in a healthy way. Reading stories with your child provides an entry point for further conversation. Picture books help children develop vocabulary to express their thoughts and emotions.

To help families address big challenges, youth librarians curated a "Life Changes" section in the picture books area. "Reading a book can help a child release a variety of feelings in a healthy and safe way," said librarian Kelsey Cole-Burns. In the Life Changes section, you'll find books on welcoming a new baby, adoption, grieving, bullying, moving, health, divorce, immigration, and, for tots, potty training. Books on topics like these introduce new experiences to children, helping them mentally prepare.

*The Invisible Leash* by Patrice Karst gently addresses the topic of grief. After Zack's dog dies, a friend tells him about a leash that forever connects his heart with his dog. While acknowledging the anger and sadness anyone might feel after losing someone they love, the book also shows how a friend can help in a tough time.

*Dreamers* by Yuyi Morales follows a mother and baby as they immigrate to a new land and discover the wonders of the library. Simple text, appealing collage illustrations, and an uplifting ending make this a perfect story to share with little ones.

Librarians and other early learning experts sometimes talk about books as "mirrors and windows," a concept first articulated by Ohio State professor Rudine Sims Bishop. "Mirror" books let children see themselves in a story. "Window" books provide a peek into someone else's experience. Life Changes books can help to provide both. Either way, your child is learning about life, in all its variety.

Explore the Life Changes shelves with your child: Browse the catalog at [VAPLD.info/LifeChanges](http://VAPLD.info/LifeChanges) or visit the library. Find the section in the circular picture book room, near the green pillars. For help, stop at the desk, call 224-543-1486, or email [youthdesk@VAPLD.info](mailto:youthdesk@VAPLD.info).



## BOOKFLIX

Strengthen early reading skills and encourage your child to explore their world. BookFlix by Scholastic pairs storybook videos with related nonfiction e-books to link fiction with fact. Best for pre-K through grade 3. Access online with your Vernon Area Library card number at [VAPLD.info/BookFlix](http://VAPLD.info/BookFlix).



## EARLY LEARNING KITS

Take home a backpack full of brain-building fun. Each Early Learning Kit includes books, a CD or DVD, activity ideas, and a toy or puzzle. Choose from themes including music, outer space, or knights and ninjas! Look for the display near the picture books or reserve online at [VAPLD.info/EarlyLearningKits](http://VAPLD.info/EarlyLearningKits).



## HELLO, BABY! BUNDLES

If you have a new baby in your life, congratulations! And, on behalf of our community of readers, your library has a gift to support your future reader. Your Hello, Baby! Bundle includes a board book and a set of rhyme cards in a zippered pouch. For parents/caregivers of children ages 0 to 24 months.

Stop by the Youth Desk to pick up your bundle.

# Live, online learning for little ones

On Zoom unless otherwise noted. Free and open to all. Sign up (required for most) at [VAPLD.info/calendar](http://VAPLD.info/calendar) or by calling 224-543-1486.

### Little Wiggles Storytime — NEW!

**0–24 months**

Add 30 minutes of joy to your week: Giggle, sing, and play along with your little one, other families, and Miss Heather.

9 AM MOST TUESDAYS

### Streaming Science Storytime

**0–6 years**

Miss Lisa Marie introduces simple science concepts through books and live experiments. No signup required.

10 AM MOST FRIDAYS

[FACEBOOK.COM/VERNONLIBRARY](https://www.facebook.com/vernonlibrary)

### Together 2s & 3s

**2–3 years**

Share stories and learn sign language with Miss Sarah. Activities center around a letter of the day.

10 AM MOST MONDAYS

### Bilingual Storytime — NEW!

**0–6 years**

Read stories and sing songs in Spanish and English with Miss Nessa.

MONDAYS, 10 AM

DECEMBER 27, JANUARY 31, FEBRUARY 28

### Preschool Storytime

**3–5 years**

Get ready for school with Miss Emily by practicing the language, listening, and pre-reading skills needed for kindergarten.

10 AM MOST THURSDAYS

### Mini Math Magicians

**3–5 years**

Explore math concepts through books, games, and activities with preschool pro Miss Emily.

THURSDAYS, 10 AM

DECEMBER 23, JANUARY 27, FEBRUARY 24

### Goodnight Tales for Tots

**0–3 years**

Miss Julia helps us wind down our day with calming books and songs.

6 PM MOST TUESDAYS

### Musical storytimes

**0–6 years**

Sing and dance along with Miss Julia with a Music & Movement Storytime or Ukulele Sing-Along.

SATURDAYS, 10 AM

DECEMBER 4, JANUARY 15, FEBRUARY 5

### Evening Stories with Miss Emily

**age 3-grade 2**

Put on pajamas and relax with a bedtime story.

7 PM MOST WEDNESDAYS

### Sunshine Squad

**0–6 years**

Monthly stories and activities with Miss Kelsey focus on social-emotional development and cultural appreciation.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 10 AM

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 10 AM

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 10 AM

### Streaming Storytime

**0–6 years**

Silly fun and serious learning go hand-in-hand in this all-ages storytime led by Miss Kelsey. No signup required. Say hello in the chat so we can greet your child by name.

9:30 AM MOST WEDNESDAYS

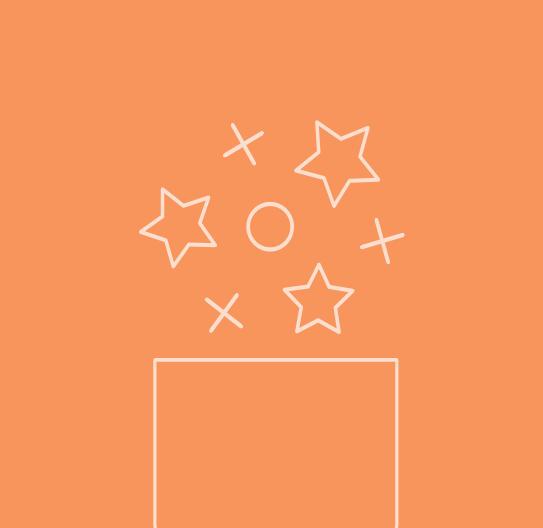
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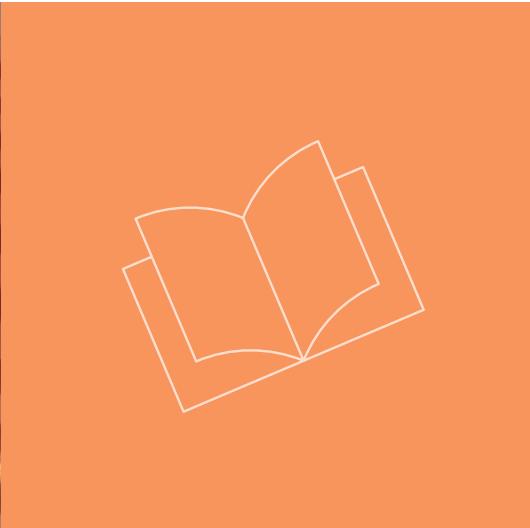


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# Babies love Little Pages & Play



Nurture early learning skills at home with a Little Pages & Play Box subscription, free with your Vernon Area Library card. Each month's box includes a board book (checked out to your library card) and materials and instructions for a simple plaything (yours to keep). The book and craft combination promotes development in ages 0 to 2. Do little ones like the boxes? Don't take our word for it... you can trust these babies.



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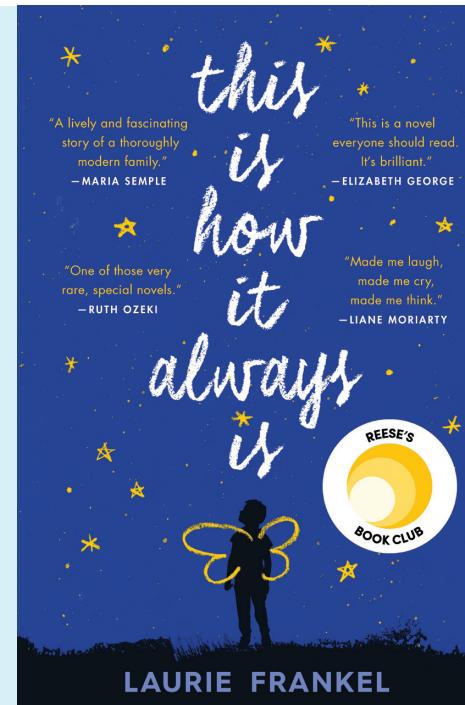
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